

Classification Paragraphs

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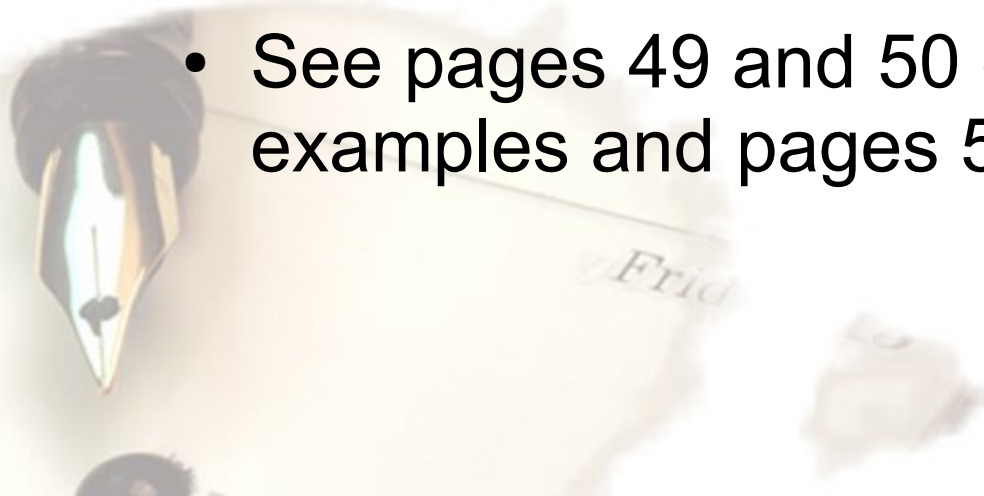
- These paragraphs separate ideas into specific categories and give them distinguishing features and characteristics to identify them.
- Their main features are:
 - A thing being classified
 - Different groups
 - Distinct categories with no overlap
 - Descriptions
 - Identifying characteristics
- They are used to:
 - Show the different types of categories of a specific topic
 - Differentiate between the parts of something



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Before Writing

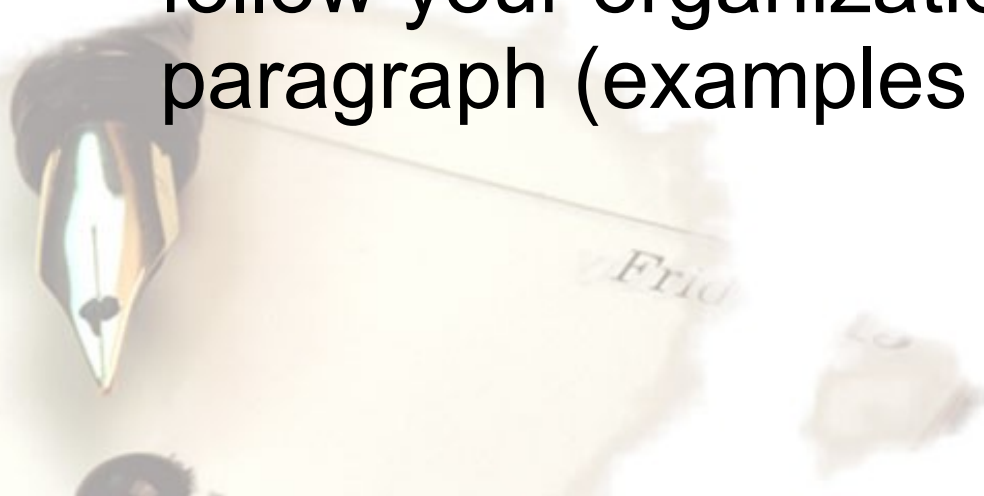
- Establish a principle for your classification
 - You must have a reason or guideline
 - For instance, in your course packet's sample, magazines were classified depending on their intended audience
 - You must have ONE and only one principle for your classification
 - See pages 49 and 50 of your reader for more examples and pages 51 – 53 for activities





Organizing a Clear Classification

- Your topic sentence must include:
 - The topic of your paragraph
 - The principle of classification
 - And, a verb that clearly indicates classification (examples on p.54)
- You need signal phrases that help readers follow your organization throughout the paragraph (examples on p.54, pp.58-59)





Support Your Categories

- Give characteristics for the members of the groups
 - Give examples for your categories
 - Mark how the groups are different from one another
- (see the example on p.56 and practice on p.57)



